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and

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COMMENCING JAN. 3, 1910

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OREGON SOIL NOT EQUALLED ON EARTH FOR PRODUCTIVITY.

No Other State in Union Offers Such Advantages to Farmers, Fruit Growers or Stockmen.

(New Year's Oregonian.)

The apple is not the only variety of Oregon fruit that has a worldwide reputation. In season on the menus of the best hotels in Winnipeg and Montreal may be found the inscription, "Hood River Strawberries." Hood River and Mosier strawberries, too, are known in London, and have been put on the markets of Yokohama, Japan; Hongkong, China; and Vladivostok, Siberia. This record has been obtained by Oregon for a fruit that is ordinarily supposed to be eaten within 48 hours after picking.

The fresh fruit car record for the world is held by the Rogue River Valley, and was obtained in January, 1909, when a carload of Doyenne du Comice pears sold in London for \$10.08 a box. Bartlett pears from the Rogue River orchards are also shipped to England.

Oregon's fruit area is bounded only by the limits of the state, for Hood River is in the extreme northern section and Rogue River in the extreme southern section. For the entire breadth of Western Oregon, north and south, fruit is produced with profit and of a far excellence in color, flavor and keeping qualities. In addition to apples, strawberries and pears, the range includes raspberries, loganberries, blackberries, cherries, plums, peaches, apricots and grapes.

In the Hood River and Mosier Valleys, where the apple is first, the strawberry takes second place, and the district is noted for its Clark seedlings. Land newly set out to apple trees is cultivated for several years, between the rows, with strawberries. Although the valley produces 60,000 crates of strawberries yearly, the Hood River berry has never been sent to the canner. The demand is always just ahead of the supply, and the price has never fallen below \$1.75 a crate.

All Small Fruits Thrive.

Rogue River apricots bring prices 25 to 40 cents a crate above the market, and Rogue River cherries, which just precede the Willamette Valley crop, are shipped to all parts of the United States without refrigeration.

In the same valley the most delicate of European grapes thrive. The Tokay, grown in the hill districts, is pronounced by experts to be unequalled in the world. It is estimated that in 1909, 475 acres were newly set out to grapes, the number of vines aggregating 245,000. The varieties include Malvoises, Concord, Rose of Peru, Black Hamburgs, Foiden Chasselas, Emperor, Malaga and Black Cornichon. An immense acreage in Josephine and Jackson Counties is available for grape culture. For the last four years, Tokay and Malaga grapes have sold in the Portland markets for \$1.50 to \$1.75 a crate. At these prices the net to the grower after paying expressage and commission is \$1.20 to \$1.40 a crate. It is claimed for the foot-hill lands of the coast that 10 acres in matured Flame Tokay or Malaga grape vines will give the grower a net income of \$3500 annually.

All varieties of American grapes are grown profitably in the Willamette Valley counties. The Italian prune is produced in better size, quality and flavor than its native land of Italy. Near Creswell, in Lane County, one orchard of 125 acres has produced 112,000 pounds of prunes in one year. Six million pounds of cured prunes are turned out annually from the district tributary to Roseburg, Peas, with the Bartlett as the leading variety grown, are produced with perfect flavor and shipping qualities. The Winter Nellis, Great d'Anjou, du Comice and Louise Bon de Jersey are also successfully raised.

Famous Willamette Cherries.

In the central part of the Willamette Valley the cherry is a standard fruit, and every year there is a cherry fair given at Salem that attracts national attention. Cherries have been grown in Yamhill County 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and no such large cherries are produced in temperate Southern France. One Yamhill County tree has produced in one season nearly a ton of Royal Anne cherries, worth \$50 at the canneries or \$240 packed in 10-pound boxes.

The Willamette Valley is the natural home of the small fruits. Fully ripened strawberries have been picked in favored spots in the valley in the latter part of January. The blackcap raspberry produces profusely, and an income of \$150 to \$250 an acre can be realized by drying the fruit. Currants and gooseberries flourish, and even in wild fruits thousands of gallons of blackberries, raspberries and huckleberries are picked and marketed each year.

Salaway, Early and Late Crawford peaches are doing well in the Willamette Valley, and plums, of many varieties, and the soil and climate perfect for their production.

Oregon Apples Set Pace for World.

The past year's record affords much encouragement to Oregon apple growers. Our Consular representative at London reports that our fruit is more prominent than ever throughout Western Europe. Establishment of the Spokane apple show on a permanent basis has served to center attention upon the Pacific Northwest as a source of supply. Oregon's success at that show in winning the respective prizes, and the highest grade of her apple exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, have largely increased the fame of Oregon apples.

Several investments in Oregon apple lands, made by Eastern men widely known in business circles, have made still more prominent the possibilities of Oregon apple-growing. Some of the investments have been in the Willamette valley, while others affected holdings in the famous adjoining districts of Hood River and Mosier. Big investments are also being made in the Rogue and Umpqua valleys.

The apple fair held in our state, during the past year, was of unusual merit, notwithstanding the unprecedented shortness of the apple crop throughout the Northwest.

Many orchard-planting syndicates have been organized, most of whose holdings are in Western Oregon. The acreage of these companies runs from 200 to 3000 acres, and will be devoted largely to apples.

Relentless War on Pests.

The fact of greatest interest and promise, however, is the evidence of the closing of the apple pest in the state are becoming aroused to a proper appreciation of our horticultural possibilities. Measures designed to renovate old orchards and eliminate pests are looked upon with less hostility, and, in the more progressive communities, are welcomed.

In some counties, a fruit inspector and from one to three deputies are maintained by the County Court. One county (Jackson), in addition to the inspector and deputies, contributes \$100 a month to expenses of a Government expert engaged in exterminating certain orchard diseases.

EDWARD HIRSCH DEAD

Pioneer Merchant of Dallas Dies at Home in Salem.

Edward Hirsch, pioneer of Polk and Marion counties who died in his apartments at the Willamette Hotel in Salem last Wednesday night, was born in Germany May 3, 1836. He came to the United States in 1855. Landing in New York and finding no employment there, he went to Pennsylvania. After a short residence in that state, he came to Oregon, where he remained for two years. Hearing of the possibilities of the far west, he returned north and, in company with his brother, Sol Hirsch, ex-minister to Turkey, embarked on the steamer Star of the West for the Pacific coast by way of the Isthmus of Panama. They arrived at Portland about the middle of April, and a few months later went to Dallas, Polk County, where a general retail store was opened. Remaining at Dallas for about three years, they moved to Silverton, where they carried on a general merchandising business for three years. The partnership between the brothers was then dissolved and Edward went to Salem.

In 1866, having been elected president and manager of the Eagle woolen mills at Brownsville, he went to that place and remained in charge of that enterprise for two years. He returned to Salem and since made the Capital City his home.

Mr. Hirsch acted as state treasurer during the years of 1878 to 1887, two terms as the guardian of the state's finances. His first term was under Governor W. W. Thayer from 1878 to 1882 and the second term under Governor Z. F. Moody, from 1882 to 1887. In 1890 he was elected state senator from Marion county and for four years faithfully represented his constituency in the upper house of Oregon's legislative body. He served as postmaster in Salem for eight years and also served the city as councilman several times, and had been prominent in every work for the city's advancement. He was married May 10, 1868, to Miss Nettie Davis, a family of eight children being the result of the union. The deceased was 73 years 7 months and 26 days of age.

JOHN BARRETT HELPS

Oregon Fire Will Get Splendid Advertisement in Washington

Splendid examples of fire finishing, said to be the most elaborate ever sent from the Northwest, will be shipped this week to Washington, D. C., where they will enter the new building being erected by the Bureau of American Republics, under the direction of John Barrett. The wood will be used in the reception room of the new building, which will be completely finished in fir. This will result in a big advertisement for this wood as finishing material.

The wood has been prepared for shipment East and goes as a gift from the Oregon & Washington Lumber Manufacturers' Association. The finishing consists of panels, scrolls, medallions, desks and brackets of the most elaborate hand-carved design. The grain of the wood is shown to advantage and is stained with an oak finish.

Great Demand for Hogs. J. H. Rhodes, of Clackamas County, has recently purchased a farm in Polk County, near Teas Station, which he is going to develop into a hog ranch. The farm is about 100 acres in size. J. H. Rhodes, the real estate man of Dallas, Mr. Rhodes will find abundance of encouragement in the swine business. The burden of the cry from the stock men at present is lack of hogs. In conversation with Mr. D. O. Lively, general agent of the local yards, recently, he stated that the scarcity of hogs was a source of constant concern to the buyers. He further stated that this scarcity was amazing to him. Why should this state of affairs exist? Well, it seems that it is up to the farmers—Oregon Agriculturalists.

Lady Macabees Elected. The Ladies of the Macabees, Lilac Hives, met December 29 and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Lady Commander—Mrs. Rosa Pidlac. Lady Recorder—Miss Pauline VanOrsdel. Lady Finance Auditor—Mrs. Evaline Hyster. Mistress at Arms—Mrs. Blanche Eakin. Chaplain—Mrs. Eliza Black.

Saved at Death's Door. The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was won. He was in a dreadful condition, "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken; tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Violent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that medicine, medicine-Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles try Electric Bitters at all drug stores.

Weather. Weather conditions in the state of Oregon for the year 1909 averaged about normal, although January was unusually cold, and November very wet, the precipitation for that month being nearly double the usual amount. The last heavy frost in the Spring occurred on February 21, and the first heavy frost in the Fall, on November 14, thus making a growing season for tender vegetables of 265 days, which is 29 days longer than the same season for 1908.

Observations of the relative humidity are taken twice a day only, once at 5 A. M. and once at 5 P. M. The average for the year at these hours was 84 per cent and 62 per cent respectively. The humidity was greater during the month of January, and least in June.

The total precipitation from January 1 to December 1, 1909, was 29 inches, which is 1 1/2 inches more than the normal amount. The total snowfall from January 1 to December 31 was 25 inches, of which 15 inches fell in January and the rest in December.

PRaises SECRETARY

Judge Dixon Tells of Good Work of C. S. Graves.

Elmer Dixon, the well-known poultry fancier, who officiated as judge at the recent poultry show in Dallas, writes an interesting account of the exhibition for the current number of the Oregon Agriculturalist. He pays a high compliment to County Assessor C. S. Graves, the secretary of the association, and incidentally rebukes the people of Dallas for their lack of interest in the show. Mr. Dixon says: "The Third Annual Show of the Polk County Association was held November 23 to 26. There was on exhibition about 500 of the quality birds, showing decided improvements over former shows and ranking with similar shows throughout the state. The attendance was disappointing to the management. And I must say that the good people of Dallas have made serious mistakes in not supporting the poultry shows that have been placed before them."

"C. S. Graves is to be highly commended for his untiring efforts in placing before the people such a creditable show. We fanciers well know the hardships that fall upon the secretaries in getting up and carrying a show to completion, and it has not been an exception in the case of Mr. Graves. Mr. Cornwell and Mr. Holbrook are able superintendents. Mr. Cornwell thoroughly knowing the work from A to Z."

OUR MARKET LETTER

Receipts and Sales at Portland Union Stock Yards.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 1.—Receipts at the Portland Stock Yards since September 15, at which time business was commenced, have been 23,026 cattle, 32,162 sheep, 24,328 hogs and 509 horses. The ready support given by the live stock raiser and shipper of the Pacific Northwest to the market established at Portland is an evidence of the utility and need of such an institution as the Portland Union Stock Yards. Established along open and competitive lines, this healthy young market will continue to grow until it will take its place among the big live stock centers of the United States.

The selection of Portland as a live stock center was made after due consideration by men whose success in the meat industry is a result of a lifetime in the business and the people of the Northwest are the people who have to handle the meat at all times a ready sale for the animal products of their farms and ranches.

The approximate value of the 1,490 cars of live stock received since the Stock Yards began business has been \$2,235,000 and there have been several features worthy of note in the short life of the market. One of these has been the uniform high value of the cattle, which have brought prices that have been higher than at markets east. Portland has led the United States in the matter of high prices for hogs, and the sheep market has maintained a high range. The sale of Christmas cattle on December 14 attracted a great many visitors and the prices obtained for the premium cattle sensational.

The railroads have granted a special reduction of 25 per cent for feeder cattle purchased at the Portland Stock Yards to be fed and returned to this market. This applies where the regular rate is \$2.50 and over and extends to distances of 450 miles. This is an important consideration. Live stock shippers from S. P. & S. points can route via Portland instead of via Vancouver as heretofore.

The Portland Union Stock Yards extends a New Year's greeting to the stock raisers, breeders and shippers of live stock in the Pacific Northwest and invites their co-operation to the end that 1910 will be successful and prosperous to those who take advantage of its facilities for the sale of live stock and the demand that exists for greater supplies.

FOR THE TINY TOTS

Movement to Establish Kindergarten in Dallas.

Much discussion has been heard lately of the proposal to establish a kindergarten in Dallas. It is believed that such an institution is very much needed and that there are enough young children to support a good school. A mass meeting has been called for Thursday afternoon of this week, at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. George Gosselinger, to discuss ways and means. All mothers of young children, and every one interested in this cause is earnestly invited to attend.

Was Born in Dallas.

The remains of Mrs. Sarah J. McNeill were removed at Riverview cemetery at Portland Tuesday of last week for burial. Mrs. McNeill died Friday of last week of Bright's disease, the funeral being conducted from the Holman chapel. Mrs. McNeill was born in Dallas, thirty-eight years ago, her mother, Virginia Hoss, being one of the pioneers, who in 1844, crossed the plains to Oregon. John Miller, father of the deceased, was born in Dallas. Mrs. McNeill married in Oregon and removed to Washington, then to Lewiston, Idaho, and returned to Portland nine years ago. She was survived by her husband, M. L. McNeill; two daughters, Edith and Gladys, residing at the family home, 149 Galveston street; a sister, Mrs. Mamie Polson, of San Francisco, and a brother, Al Miller.

Put in Jail

Very accurately describes anyone's feelings who is confined to the house with an attack of rheumatism, lumbago, stiff joints or muscles. Ballard's Snow Liniment will cure the trouble, relieve the pain and make you as supple as a two year old. Sold by Conrad Stauffer.

DATES HAVE BEEN SET

SCHOOL OFFICERS' MEETINGS TO BE HELD IN MANY DISTRICTS.

Programs Will Be Informal and Subjects of Interest to Schools Will Be Discussed.

President T. W. Brunk and Secretary H. C. Seymour, of the School Officers' Association of Polk County, have arranged for a series of meetings of school officers, parents and teachers, to be held in the county during the next few months. All friends of the public schools should plan to attend the meetings in their respective districts and as many more as possible. The dates are as follows:

Buell Section—comprising Buell, Harmony, Gooseneck, Pleasant View, Butler and Grand Ronde—meeting at Harmony, January 15; William McLean, Chairman.

Bola Section—comprising Bola, West Salem, Brush College, Monticello, View and Popcorn—meeting at West Salem, January 22; A. Halse, Chairman.

Ballston Section—comprising Ballston, Enterprise, Scroggins and Red Prairie—meeting at Ballston, January 23; R. Z. Riggs, Chairman.

Creek Section—comprising Salt Creek, Upper Salt Creek, Concord, District No. 15, North Dallas and Pioneer—meeting in District No. 15, February 19; Henry Voth, Chairman.

Falls City Section—comprising Falls City, Bridgeport, Guthrie, Liberty, Oakdale, Oak Grove, Oak Ridge, Oak Creek—meeting at Falls City, February 26; Ira Mehrling, Chairman.

Pedee Section—comprising Pedee, Cherry Grove, Fir Grove, Montgomery and McTimmonds Valley—meeting at Pedee, March 12—Charles Kerber, Chairman.

Mistake Section—comprising Mistake, Antioch, Sunny Slope, Cochran and Elkins—meeting at Mistake, March 19; L. I. Bursell, Chairman.

Night Meetings.

During the week of February 21-26, State Superintendent Ackerman and County Superintendent Seymour will make a tour of the following sections, and will hold the section meetings at night:

Zena Section—comprising Zena, Lincoln, Spring Valley and Lone Star—meeting at Zena, February 21; S. H. Barker, Chairman.

Bethel Section—comprising Bethel, McCoy and Perrydale—meeting at Perrydale, February 22; S. L. Stewart, Chairman.

Rickless Section—comprising Rickless, Oak Grove, Etna, Greenwood, Oak Point, Smithfield and Polk Station—meeting at Rickless, February 23; R. F. Lucas, Chairman.

Buena Vista Section—comprising Buena Vista, Suver, Parker and Highland—meeting at Buena Vista, February 24; G. W. McLaughlin, Chairman.

Arlie Section—comprising Arlie, Lewisville, Ward, Valley View and Fair View—meeting at Arlie, February 25; C. E. State, Chairman.

Programs Will Be Informal. At each of these meetings a short program will be given by the children of the different schools of the section and subjects of interest to the schools will be discussed. There will be no set program, and all persons may feel free to take whatever part they wish.

The meetings held in the past have done much good for the schools of the county, and it is hoped that by the united efforts of all who are interested in the boys and girls of the county, much more good may result from the meetings to be held this year.

POLK PLAN APPROVED

All Oregon Public Schools Go In For Better Spelling.

Interest in the "Better Spelling" movement is now general among the public schools of Oregon, and in nearly every county spelling contests are being planned. Superintendent Seymour has worked out a plan for Polk County an entirely original line. He submitted an outline of the system to State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman a few days ago, and received in return a highly complimentary letter:

"I have read with much interest your spelling contest plan," says Superintendent Ackerman, "and I am so pleased with it that I would ask as a special favor that you send the plans to the several County School Superintendents of the State, as I am sure they will be interested in them as well as I am."

Malibout Retires From Railroad.

C. A. Malibout, the well known district freight agent for the S. P. lines in Oregon, to which position he was promoted after many years of service in the freight traffic department of the company, has tendered his resignation to become effective January 15th. With associates, Mr. Malibout has organized the Rogue River Land & Orchard Company, which proposes to buy, develop and sell fruit lands in this valley. Mr. Malibout will be a desirable addition to the Rogue River Valley Booster Club—Ashland Tidings.

A Wild Bittering Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and grippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up," "sore throat," "low fever," "chills and fever," "pain in back of head," and a "throat-grinding cough." When Grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss. "After being laid up three weeks with Grip." For sore lungs, Hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, its supreme. Sec. \$1.50. Guaranteed by all druggists.

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